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For: POLYMERIC MICELLAR COMPLEXES AND DRUG DELIVERY
VEHICLES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Communication mailed September 18, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply of 1 month. Although Applicants submitted a response to the Restriction Requirement submitted on July 8, 2008, an election of species from claim 3 was inadvertently omitted.

According to the Examiner, restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372:

- Group I. Claims 1-12, as specifically drawn to the special technical feature of a complex of an amphiphilic copolymer with a bioactive agent, wherein the amphiphilic copolymer has benzoyl sulfonic acid groups on the hydrophobic segment of said copolymer and a method of treating a cancer comprising administering an effective amount of the complex to a patient in need thereof.
- Group II. Claim 13, as specifically drawn to the special technical feature of a method of treating osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, diabetic retinopathy, hemangiomas or psoriasis comprising administering an effective amount of a complex of

an amphiphilic copolymer with a bioactive agent, wherein the amphiphilic copolymer has benzoyl sulfonic acid groups on the hydrophobic segment of said copolymer.

- Group III. Claim 14, as specifically drawn to the special technical feature of a complex of an amphiphilic copolymer with a contrast agent, wherein the amphiphilic copolymer has benzoyl sulfonic acid groups on the hydrophobic segment of said copolymer.
- Group IV. Claim 15, as specifically drawn to the special technical feature of a method of diagnostic imaging comprising administering an effective amount of a complex of an amphiphilic copolymer with a contrast agent, wherein the amphiphilic copolymer has benzoyl sulfonic acid groups on the hydrophobic segment of said copolymer.
- Group V. Claim 16, as specifically drawn to the special technical feature of a process of making and amphiphilic copolymer having benzoyl sulfonic acid groups by reacting the amphiphilic copolymer with sulfobenzoic anhydride either in the melt or in solution.